

# Photo Story Basics

## Photo Story

Photo Story is Microsoft's belated answer to iPhoto's ability to create nifty photo presentations. It is a nice, lightweight application that is a free download and is available on all of the school's PCs.

To start, we are going to click on "Begin a New Story"

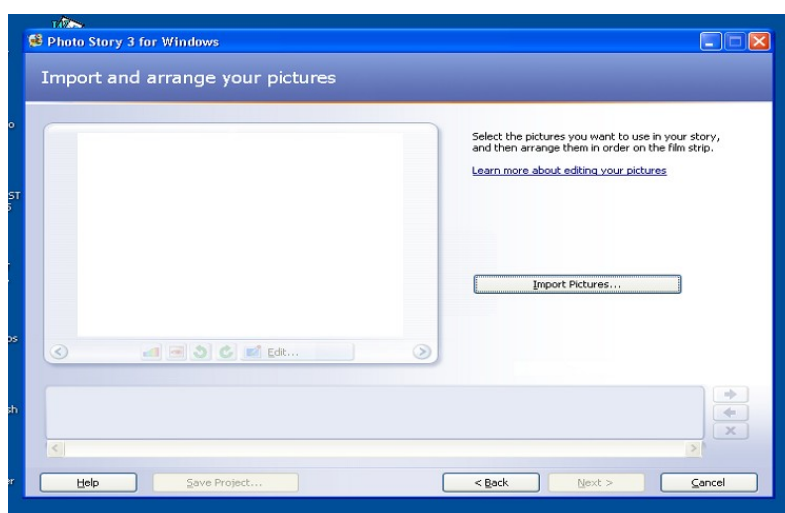
Please Note: Photo Story is a Windows XP only application. In Windows Vista, there is a whole new suite of applications including Vista's Photo Gallery, new MovieMaker, and DVD Maker, but knowing Photo Story will give you a good handle on what you can expect from these type of photo presentation programs



## Import Pictures

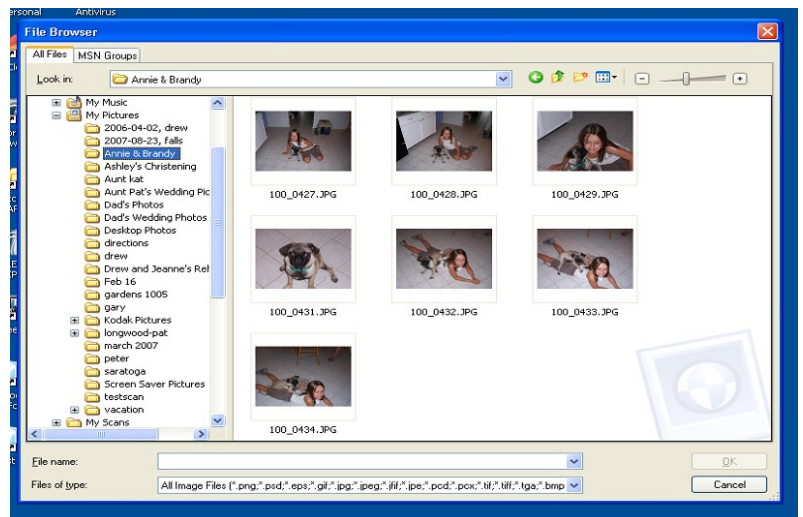
Click on Import Pictures.

This will open up your browser window so you can import all the pictures you would like to use in your presentation.



## File Browser

Select the files you would like to use.  
Hold the shift or ctrl key to select multiple files.



## Pictures are ready to be manipulated

Once you have selected your pictures, Photo Story displays them in the film strip. You can then drag them around using the mouse to get them into the correct order. In this film we are starting with a lonely pug who meets an animal lover.



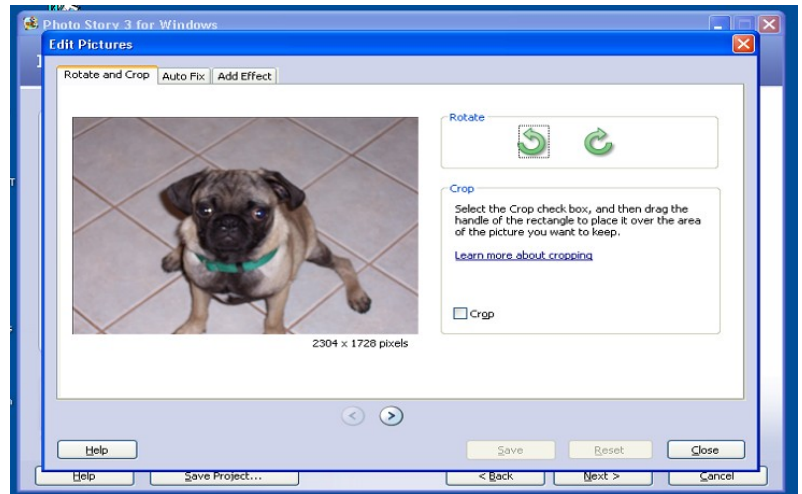
## Basic Window

1. Picture that is currently selected in the film strip.
2. The editing tools that are available to manipulate each picture:  
Correct Color levels, Reduce Red Eye, Rotate counterclockwise and clockwise, and advanced editing tools.
3. The Film Strip where pictures can be dragged and dropped to create the perfect order.



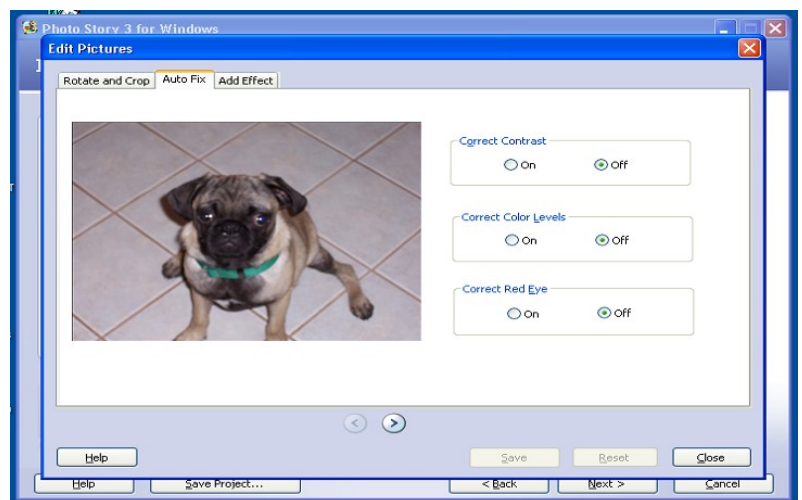
## Advanced Editing Tools: Cropping and Rotating

In the advanced editing window you can crop and rotate the object.



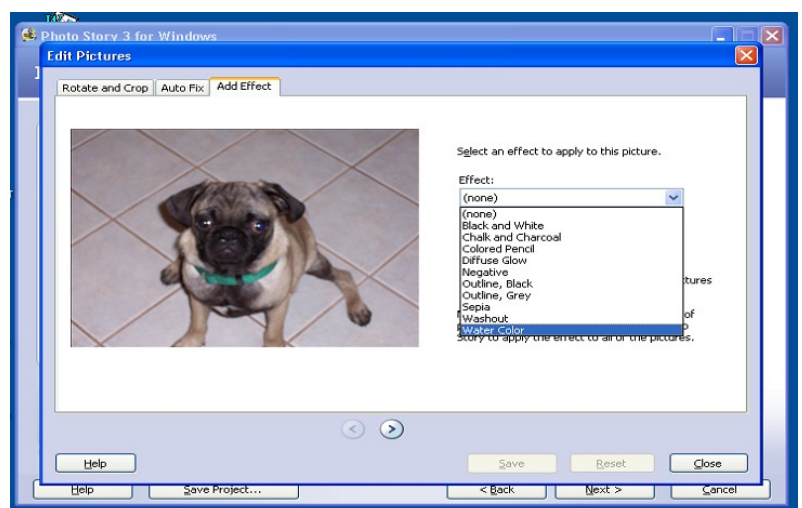
## Advanced Editing: Auto Fix

The Auto Fix window is mainly focused on color and red eye reduction. Depending on the color and lighting of your photo, you will get different results.



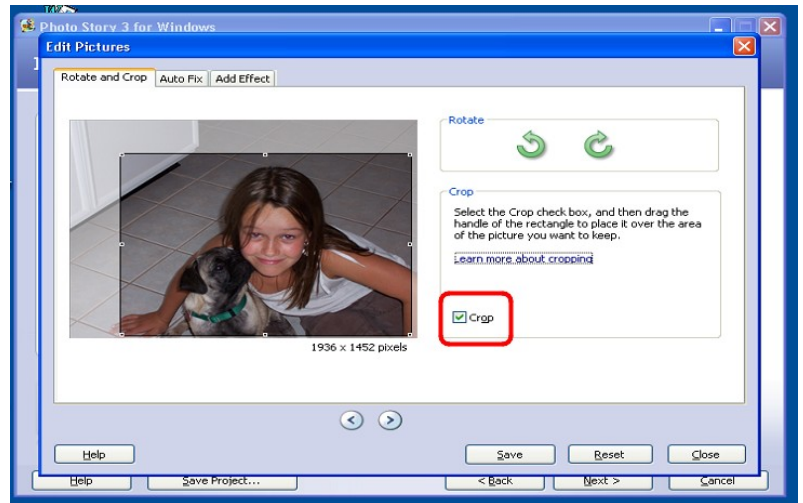
## Advanced Editing: Add Effect

In the Add Effect window, you can add effects from a drop down list. This can add texture to your Photo Story.



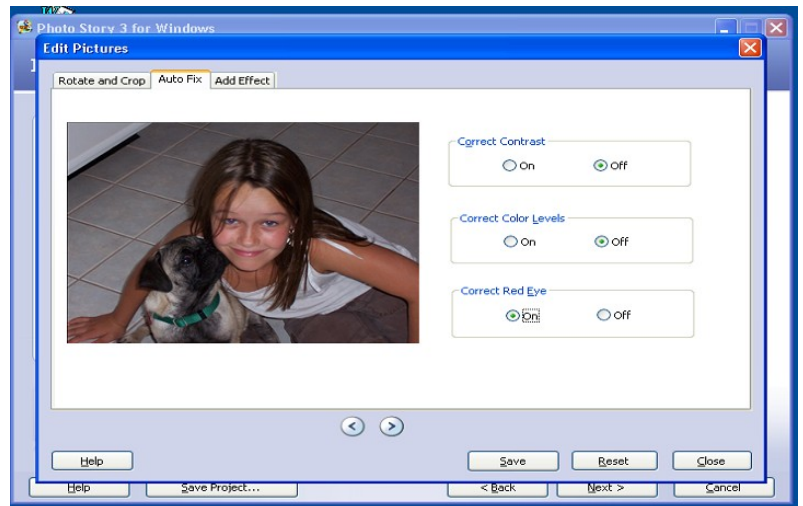
## Cropping

We are going to crop this shot, but clicking on the check mark next to the word "crop" and manipulating the crop box.



## Red Eye Correction

By clicking on the Auto Fix tab and choosing red eye reduction, we have eliminated the red eye.



## Context Sensitive Menu

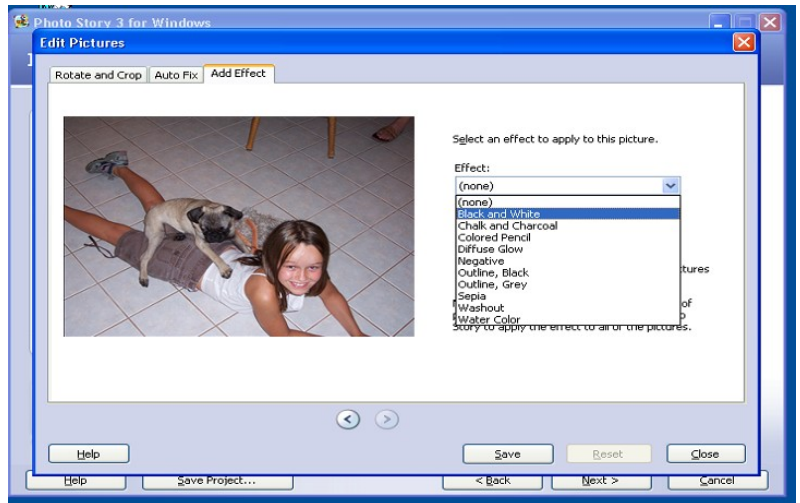
It is also important to note that a context sensitive menu is always accessible with the right-click on the mouse button. Just hover over the image in the film strip that you want to alter and right-click it.





## Add Effect: Making it Black and White

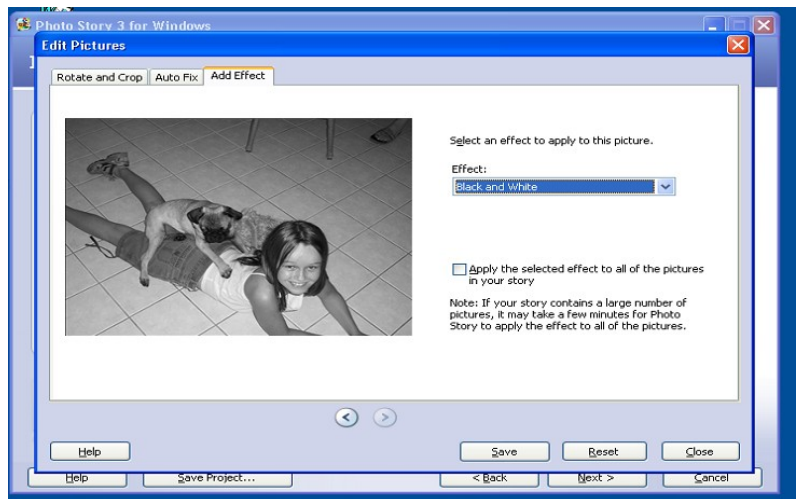
After accessing the Add Effect window from the context sensitive menu in the previous step, the picture will be changed to black and white.



## Black and White effect is applied

After the effect is applied, click save.

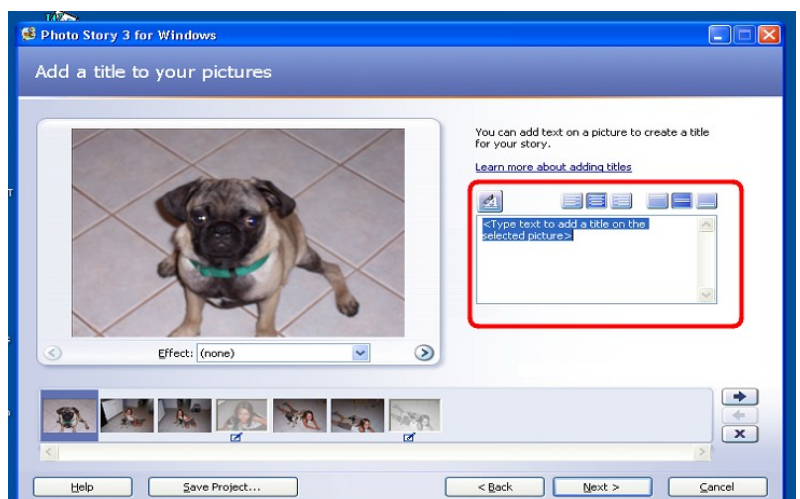
Click "close" to return to the film strip view.



## Adding Titles

Once the pictures are in the correct order, click "next" to add descriptive titles to each picture.

The top menu bar above the text box allows you to place your text on the image in a variety of places.



## Title added to the first slide

In this case, (1) a title has been added to the first slide and (2) the align top button what used to position the text.

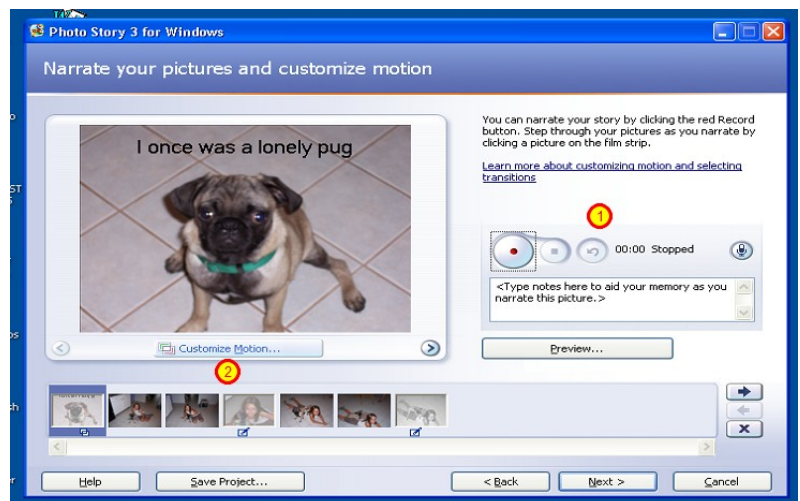
Click the next button to add motion and record audio for each clip.



## Recording Audio and Motion

1. You can record a narration over each image.

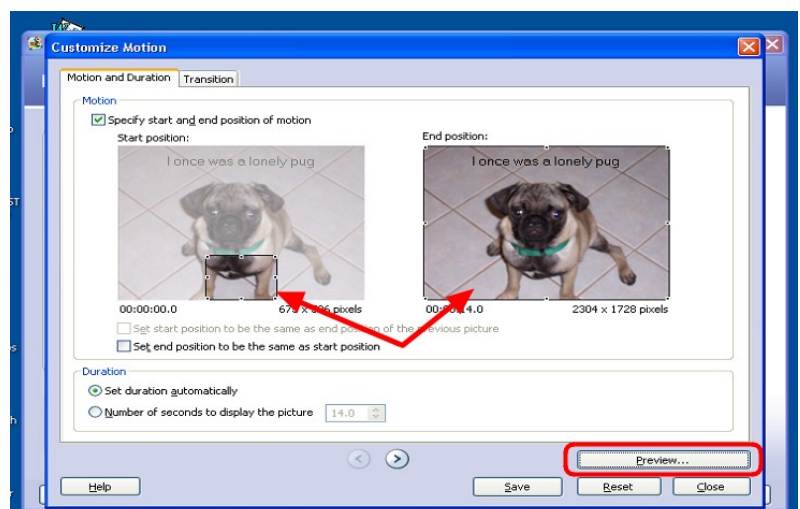
2. You can also control the motion effects (a la Ken Burns) as in the next slide



## Add Motion window

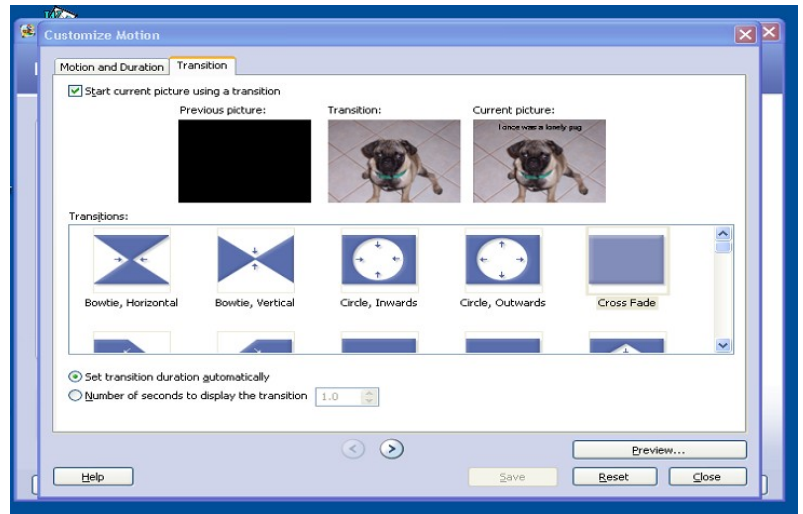
Add motion by resizing the box to show the starting and ending point.

Use the "preview" button to view your results before saving them.



## Transitions Tab

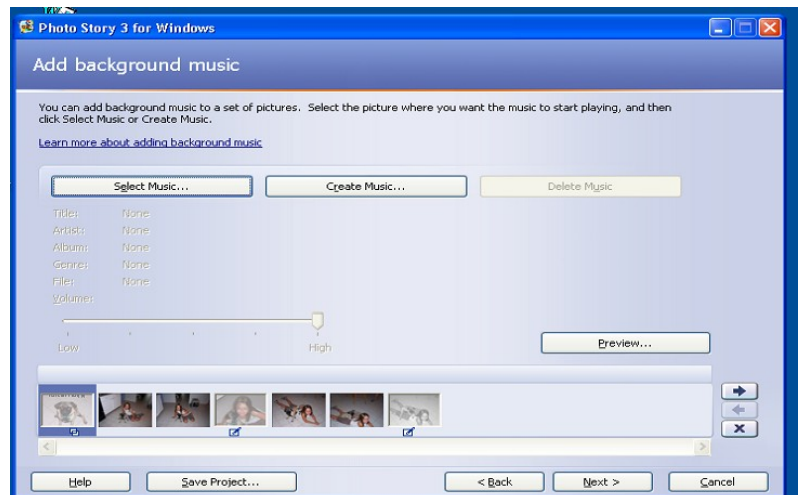
If motion is not enough to get the effect you are looking for, click on the Transition tab and experiment with different fades and wipes till you find the desired effect. Don't forget to use the preview button.



## Adding Music

Finally, you can add a music track to accompany your presentation.

1. You can select a track from your music library
2. Or you can create your own...

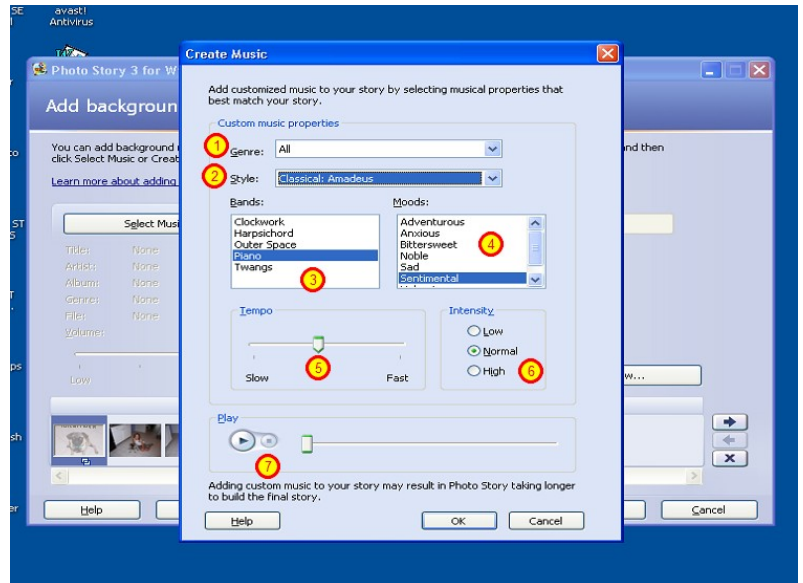


## Create your own mood music

Create your own music by selecting the

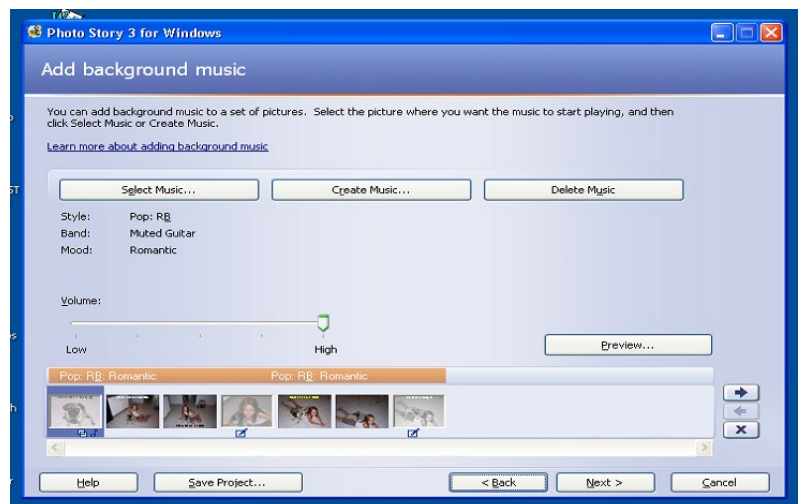
1. Genre
2. Style
3. Bands
4. Mood
5. Tempo
6. Intensity

**\*\*7.** Don't forget to sample this before you mix it into the presentation.



## Titles and Music Added

In this example all of the title text has been added and we have created our own music using the built-in tools.

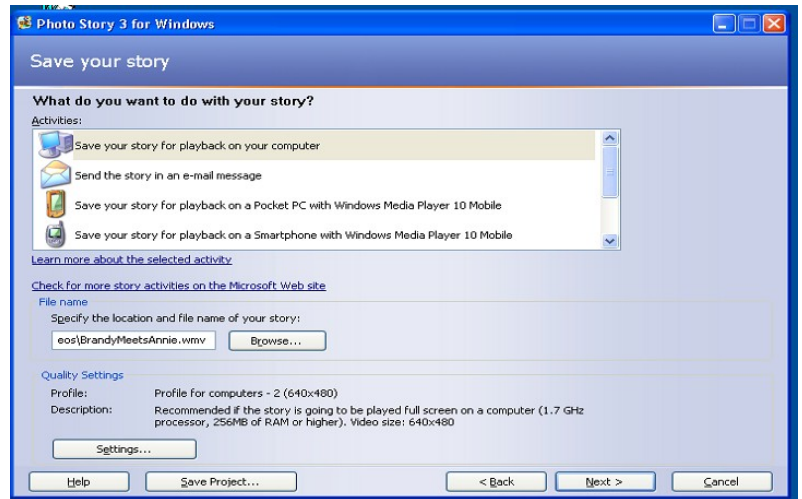




## Saving and Exporting

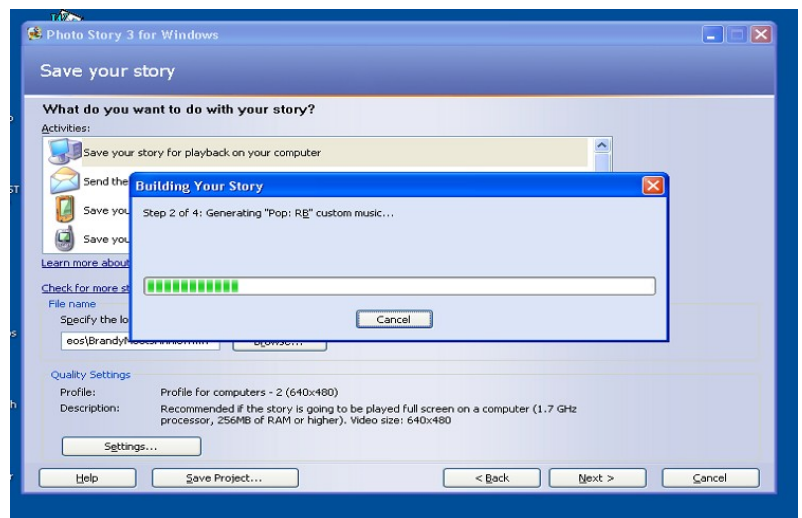
Once you are finished preparing the Photo Story presentation, you can package it for a variety of places including mobile devices and email messages. In most cases, we will be playing them back on other PCs at the school.

Photo Story saves files in the .wmv file format which can be played back in Windows Media Player and imported into other applications like PowerPoint, MovieMaker, and Adobe Premiere. These can also be saved on CD or burned onto a DVD using Nero, Vista's DVD Maker, or Adobe Premiere.



## Photo Story finished the movie

This is a screen shot of Photo Story finishing the file into a .wmv format.



## Where videos go...

All Photo Story videos go to the "My Videos" folder...and yes, the entire manual (including the creation of the Photo Story) was done remotely using Live Mesh.

